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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 RAYMOND A. FORSMAN,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 PORT OF SEATTLE, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:24-cv-01101-RSL

CERTIFICATION OF GOOD FAITH

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14 On July 25, 2024, plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* was granted
15 and his complaint was accepted for filing. Plaintiff alleges that the Port of Seattle and three
16 of its employees conspired to charge him fees not actually owed and denied him legal
17 possession and registration of a fishing vessel in violation of three federal criminal statutes,
18 a federal regulation, a tribal management agreement, and the Fourteenth Amendment. The
19 conduct of which plaintiff complains apparently occurred in or before 2019 because he
20 alleges that defendants' refusal to allow him to replace his vessel caused him to miss the
21 2019-2024 fishing seasons.

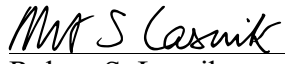
22 The claims were dismissed under the doctrine of res judicata. Many of the same
23 legal claims arising from the same events were asserted in *Forsman v. Port of Seattle*,
24 C19-2050RSL, *Forsman v. Port of Seattle*, C21-867RSL, and/or *Forsman v. Port of*
25 *Seattle*, C23-1394RSM, all of which were dismissed with prejudice (the first on the merits,
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1 the second on the merits and under the doctrine of *res judicata*, and the third under the
2 doctrine of *res judicata*).

3 This matter is again before the Court on referral from the Ninth Circuit for a
4 determination of whether plaintiff's in forma pauperis status should continue on appeal.
5 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), "[a]n appeal may not be taken *in forma pauperis* if the
6 trial court certifies in writing that it is not taken in good faith." An appeal that is frivolous
7 or otherwise without merit is not taken in good faith. *Hooker v. American Airlines*, 302
8 F.3d 1091, 1092 (9th Cir. 2002).

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10 The Court is of the opinion that plaintiff's appeal has been filed in good faith, and it
11 is so certified.

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13 Dated this 20th day of September, 2024.

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16 Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge
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